

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Cartel 100, October 21, 1959

CITIZENSHIP: Lee Harvey OSWALD

Lee Harvey OSWALD, an American citizen, appeared at this Embassy October 21, 1959 and stated to Secretary Richard E. Snyder that he wishes to renounce his American citizenship and that he had applied to become a citizen of the Soviet Union. He presented to the interviewing officer his passport and the following document, dated [redacted], a document the original of which is retained by the [redacted] as an [redacted].

Lee Harvey (sq) Oswald is hereby request that my present citizenship in the United States of America, be revoked.

I have entered the Soviet Union for the express purpose of applying for citizenship in the Soviet Union, through the means of naturalization.

My request for citizenship is now pending before the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R.

I am taking these steps for political reasons. My request for the revoking of my American citizenship is made only after the longest and most serious considerations.

I affirm that my allegiance is to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

s/ Lee H. Oswald

Oswald is the bearer of Passport No. 1733242, issued September 10, 1959 (retained at the Embassy). The passport shows that he was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on October 18, 1939, and gives his occupation as "shiping export agent". Oswald gave his last address in the United States as that of his mother at 1436 Collingwood Street, Fort Worth, Texas. A telegram subsequently received at the Embassy from the said Lee that a brother, Robert L. Oswald, resided at 1135 [redacted], Fort Worth, Texas. He stated that he was discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps on September 11, 1959. Highest grade achieved was corporal. He had recently applied for his passport to the Agency at San Francisco, while still in service. He stated that he had contemplated the action which he was taking at least two years before his discharge. He departed from the United States on [redacted] with the intent of traveling to the Soviet Union to join his brother. He states that he first applied for a Soviet passport [redacted] October 19, 1959.

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